

Family Home Visiting Services

Increasing Access to Families In Need

Reduce Risks & Improve Outcomes

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The **Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting** continues to recognize the importance of family home visiting as a successful strategy to reduce risks and improve outcomes for families and their children. Additional resources for quality family home visiting services can help provide stabilizing supports to families in need and give them a strong start. The Coalition supports a broad array of quality home visiting programs and aims to increase access to services that best meet the needs of each family.

The Coalition and its partners propose increased funding for targeted home visiting services to pregnant women and families with young children through age five living in poverty or experiencing high needs (HF 4113/SF 3635). Priority high-needs populations include, but are not limited to, pregnant and parenting teens; families experiencing violence; families experiencing isolation; families with mental health needs; families with children having special health care needs; and families experiencing homelessness.

What is the Need? (Based on 185% of poverty)

- There are over 81,000 children ages 0-3 living in poverty in Minnesota
- Annually there are an estimated 10,000 births in to Mom's on Medicaid in Minnesota
- The current demand for home visiting services is greater than available resources
 - It is estimated only 10% of eligible families receive home visiting services
 - MDH received \$60.8 million dollars in requests for the new home visiting funds but only has \$15.5 million available to distribute

How many Families will be Served?

- An estimated 1,000 new families will be served by FY 2022 based on the Legislature's recent allocation (\$12 million for FY18-FY19 and \$33 million for FY20-FY21)
- The Coalition seeks new investments to serve an additional 2,856 over the next two biennium
 - An additional \$23 million in 2020, \$41.6 million in 2021 and \$56.5 million in the base beginning 2022

Why Fund a broad array of Quality Home Visiting Programs?

- Current funding is dedicated to evidence-based home visiting programs
- There are populations and/or communities that are not served, or eligible for services, by evidence-based programs
- Allowing other quality targeted home visiting programs (up to 25% of state funds) can increase access to these populations and communities; and encourage innovation within the field
- The strategy to fund predominately evidence-based home visiting programs (at least 75%) is consistent with federal funding for home visiting

Some Additional Details

- Eligible entities include community health boards, tribal departments, and non-profit organizations that have been operating quality home visiting programs
- The average cost of home visiting services for a family is \$6,500/year, while the range of costs is \$3,500-13,000/year based on frequency of home visits and program requirement

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